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YEsterday His Majesties Proclamation for calling a Parliament of this Kingdom to meet here the 9th of *April* next, was read in Council, and was by their Lordships ordered to be forthwith published at the Mercat-Cross of this City, and all other places needful, with the accustomed Solemnities, and thereafter to be Printed; Which has been done accordingly.

Whitehall, March 4. The Following Addresses have been presented to His Majesty, who received them very Graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Magistrates and Council of His Majesties City of Edinburgh, *for themselves and in name of the whole Inhabitants thereof.*

May it please your Sacred Majesty,

WHen we reflect on the joyful Acclamations with which the news of your Majesties Succession to the Crown, were received in this Capital City of your Majesties Ancient Kingdom, notwithstanding of the sad Loss which made way for it; And with what profound peace and quiet these Acclamations are still followed here: We cannot but bless the Almighty God by whom Kings Reign, and by whom that Royal Line under which we have been so long happy, is now lengthened to one degree further by this Glorious addition, your Majesty being now the 111 Monarch of that Royal Race; Having also reason to expect from the Justice and Clemency which we our selves were so happy as to see when we were Governed by your Majesties immediate influence, That your Majesties Inclinations are as good as your Title, and that your great Prudence is able to foresee, and Your great Courage able to overcome all these desperate Designs which tend to make us Atheists under the pretext of Religion, and Slaves under the pretext of Liberty. We do therefore from Joyful Hearts Congratulate your Majesties happy Ascent to the Throne of your Ancient and Royal Ancestors; And as this City had from their bounty their large Priviledges, so we hope from your Majesties Justice and Kindness the free Exercise and happy continuation of them. In Recognisance whereof we shall be always ready to imploy our Lives and Fortunes in your Majesties Service, And to pray the Almighty God to preserve You from the malice of Your Enemies, and to make You a Blessing to Your Dutiful Subjects.

The Humble Address of the Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and principal Gentlemen of the County of *Suffolk*.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

A Calamity great as ours in the Death of our late Dread Soveraign, (which was every Mans sorrow) could not be dispersed but by a Blessing Vital and Extensive, as that of your Great and Gracious Majesty, in your Peaceable accession to the Crown by Lineal Descent.

Grief and Tears were His last Tribute, and we paid it solemnly: Our Joys, Sir, are yours, and we beg leave to Celebrate them at your Feet; but believing we can offer them best in our Duties, we come to promise you our selves.

We are ready to give your Crown and Dignity Assistance from our Estates, and your Sacred Person that of our Lives, for your Safety and Defence.

We acknowledg you Sir, entitled to all we have to offer, by those lively Draughts you were pleased to give of your self and our happiness, in your Gracious Declaration deliver'd in Council; Good men may there find their security, and bad their shame.

May we now bespeak your Majesties belief of us, by our Declaring we ever hated that impious Project of the Exclusion, and will to the utmost of our Power prevent sending any to Parliament that did not.

We humbly Pray that in a long and happy Reign, the disobedience of your Subjects may never give you a moment of Disturbance.

Presented by several Gentlemen of *Suffolk*, being Introduced by his Grace the Duke of *Grafton*.

To His Sacred Majesty JAMES *the Second, by the Grace of God, King of* England, Scotland, France, *and* Ireland, &c.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Your Majesties Town and Borough of *Kingston upon Hull*, and other the Inhabitants there.

Dread Soveraign,

YOur Lineal, Rightful, and peaceable Succession to the Imperial Crown of these Realms, we look upon, as a most seasonable Blessing, in order to the reparation of that great loss, these Nations have sustained by the death of King CHARLES the Second, Your Royal Brother of Blessed Memory, and deem it an auspicious and providential Assurance of our future peace and happiness.

And humbly observing your Majesties late Gracious Declaration of your Royal Resolution to preserve the Government both in Church and State, as now by Law Established, and Your Subjects in their just Rights and Properties.

We therefore with joyful Hearts and resolute Minds, do hereby acknowledge and assure your Majesty of our Duty and faithful Allegiance. And have readily observed Your Royal Pleasure in payment of the Duties of Tonnage and Poundage, and shall continue the same; And will also diligently endeavour to make choice of such Persons for our Representatives in Parliament, as are truly Loyal and Cordial Lovers of Your Royal Person and Government, and Abhorrers of the late Votes for Exclusion.

And shall ever pray to God, by whom Kings Reign, to take You into His especial care, preserve Your from Your Enemies, and that Your Majesty may have a long and prosperous Reign over these Nations.

The persons who have Subscribed this Address are much the greater number of those who within the said Town have right to Vote for Burgesses to serve in Parliament. Kingston upon Hull, Febr. 20. 1684.

Presented by the Right Honorable the Earl of Plimouth Governor of Hull, accompanied with several of the Aldermen.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty King JAMES *the Second,*

The humble Address of Your Majesties Justices of the Peace of Your County of *Northumberland*, at the Adjournment of their Quarter-Sessions held the Seventeenth day of *February*, In the First Year of Your Majesties Reign.

May it please your most Sacred Majesty,

WE your Majesties most humble and Loyal Subjects, think our selves deeply concerned to express our sorrowful Resentments for the Death of our late Gracious Soveraign, and to Congratulate the Lineal Descent of the Imperial Crown of these Realms on your Majesty, with the universal Harmony of all Your good Subjects; And that which fills the hearts of Your People with Joy and Comfort is, that your Majesty in your Princely Wisdom have been Graciously pleased to declare Your Resolutions to use Your Care and Endeavors to preserve the Government in Church and State, as it is now by Law Established. We desire not only to make this acknowledgement of our Duty and Allegiance to your Majesty, but do most faithfully and sincerely assure your Majesty, that we shall be

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ready upon all Occasions to Sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in defence of your Majesties Sacred Person, and Government, And shall beseech Almighty God, by whom Kings Rule, to grant your Majesty a long and happy Reign over us.

To the High and Mighty Prince JAMES *the Second, King of Great* Britain, France *and* Ireland.

The most humble Address of the truly Loyal Inhabitants of the Antient Town and County of *Poole*.

Most Dread Soveraign,

AS nothing could have Occasioned so great a Measure of unfeigned Sorrow to our Minds, as the Death of our late Gracious Soveraign, your Majesties Dearest Brother of Immortal Memory;

So neither could any thing contribute so much to our unexpressible Comfort and Satisfaction, as your Majesties Peaceable possession of your Rightful Throne, maugre the Malice of all your Enemies.

And as we have here with the greatest Demonstrations of Joy Proclaimed your Sacred Majesty our Liege Lord;

So we do most sincerely offer to your Highness the fullest Assurances, that can proceed from meer humane Breasts of our steady Loyalty and Obedience

We cannot be Ignorant of that Odium this Corporation Labours under through the Malevolent Influence of some few disaffected Persons: But when it shall seem meet to your Princely Wisdom to Convene a Parliament, we do hereby with Heart and Hand most solemnly engage to make choice of such Members for this Town as shall readily concur and comply with whatsoever shall be offered for better settling the Revenues on the Crown.

Nor will we cease to Pray for your Majesties Long and prosperous Reign over us; and that we may never want of your Royal Line to sway the Scepter of these Kingdoms.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of your Majesties Justices of the Peace for the Liberty of *Peterborough*, together with the Clergy, Citizens, and other the Inhabitants of the said Liberty.

Most Dread Soveraign,

WE your Majesties most faithful and Loyal Subjects being affected with a deep and sorrowful sense of our loss, do Condole the death of your Royal Brother our late gracious Soveraign of ever Blessed Memory. But the peaceful, happy and just Establishment of your Sacred Majesty in the Throne of your Ancestors (from which the Audacious insolence of factious Miscreants would have excluded you) hath dispelled those clouds of Sorrow which brooded upon our hearts. And with all humility and sincerity we return your Majesty our grateful acknowledgments of, and our hearty thanks for the affecting instances of your Royal favour vouchsafed unto us in your late gracious Declaration of preserving the established Government in Church and State. In opposition to the industrious underminers of which, and to the defence of your Royal Person and Dignity, we do solemnly and zealously Devote our Lives and Fortunes, beseeching God to grant a long and prosperous Reign, to the most Renowned and Illustrious Prince King JAMES *the Second.*

To his most Sacred Majesty James *the Second, King of* England, &c.

The humble Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and Clergy of the City of *Chester*.

AS we cannot but with just Grief reflect upon our loss in the death of our late dread Soveraign of ever Blessed Memory, so with all humble thankfulness we acknowledge Gods infinite Goodness and Bounty to us in vouchsafing your Majesties peaceable Succession in the Government of these Realms as your just and Hereditary Right; Owning our Obligation to all Loyal and Dutiful Obedience to your Majesty to be from God. as part of the Religion, (which to the unspeakable joy of our hearts) your Majesty hath been graciously pleased to declare your Resolution to defend and support; for which encouragement in our duty, we humbly beg your Majesties acceptance of our unfeigned thankfulness, Praying Almighty God you may long Reign over us in prosperous health and Kingly Honour.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Bishop of Bristol, *the Vicar General, and the Clergy of the Cathedral and City of* Bristol.

May it please your Majesty,

AS we received the sad and surprizing News of the Death of our late Dread Soveraign, with those sorrowful Resentments which became our Loyal Duty, and the happiness which we had long enjoyed under his most Gracious Government; So the Joy which we conceived to see your Majesty (according to Your just Right of Succession) set and settled upon the Throne of Your Fathers in peace (notwithstanding the Insolent and Violent attempts of Evil Men to the contrary) at once equalled and allayed them; And we heartily Congratulate this, not so much to your Majesty, as to Your Kingdoms, which are made happy again in a Prince of so Heroical Endowments and Archievements. Amongst the rest, we Crave leave most thankfully to acknowledge your Majesties wonderful condescention in vouchsafing to give Your Subjects repeated assurances of your Majesties firm Resolution to maintain and Defend the Religion of the Church of England, as now by Law Established, which as it is and ought to be, dearer to us than our very Lives; So it is peculiarly endeared to us; for that (above all that is called Religion in the World) It twists Piety with Loyalty, and without Reserve recognizeth your Sacred Majesty as the Soveraign and Supream Power within your Majesties Realms and Dominions, against whom there is no rising up, and only less then God himself. According to the Dictates of that most Excellent Religion, we abhor all those Antimonarchical Persons and Principles, which would either Exclude Princes from their just Rights, or disturb their peaceable enjoyment of them. And we earnestly beseech the King of Kings that your Majesties Throne may not only be Established, but raised still higher upon the Ruines of all those that shall endeavour to Subvert or Supplant it; and that after a long and prosperous Reign upon Earth, He will give your Majesty that Kingdom which cannot be shaken.

Your Majesties most Humble, most
Dutiful and most Obedient Subjects.

May it Please your Sacred Majesty.

WE the Master, Governors and Assistants of the Scots Corporation of the Foundation of King Charles *the Second, do with all Humility beg leave to Declare to your Majesty, our most exceeding joy for your happy and peaceable Succession, (of the right whereof none on Earth can make question or be Judges) to one Hundred and Ten Kings your Ancestors, of one continued Royal Line, during Two Thousand and Fourteen Years, By the Name of* James *the Seventh, in your Ancient Kingdom of* Scotland *our Native Country: And to your Royal Brother our late Dread Soveraign of ever Blessed Memory, (Gods true Vicegerent in his Justice to your Majesty, and Mercy and Goodness to his Subjects) Maugre his, your, and their Enemies; not only in your Imperial united Crowns, but in all that is Great, Just, and Good, even the condescensions towards the satisfaction of the minds of your People.*

Great SIR,

Be pleased to accept our humble tender of our Lives and Fortunes, and a chearful compliance to your Majesties Commands for your Service.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

WE the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Burgesses of your Majesties Town of Cambridge, *do most sincerely*

sincerely bless Almighty God for your Majesties just and happy Establishment in the Throne of your Royal Ancestors.

All our Lives and Fortunes are your Sacred Majesties, and shall dayly be imployed to preserve your Majesty in your Royal Seat.

And that the Succession of the Imperial Crown of these your Majesties Realms may for ever continue in your Royal Line.

Let all your People (with the same mind and resolution as we do) say Amen.

Given under the Common Seal of our Town with free and unanimous consent, the Four and Twentieth day of February *in the First Year of your Majesties Reign.*

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The Humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, Nobility, Deputy-Lieutenants, Officers of the Militia, and Gentry of the *West-Riding* of the County of *York*.

Sheweth,

THat as we do with the deepest sense of sorrow Condole the Death of His late Majesty (of Blessed Memory) so do we no less rejoyce and esteem our selves most happy in your Majesties Accession to the Crown, and we do humbly presume to tender your Majesty our most hearty Thanks and acknowledgments for the early Declaration your Majesty was so Graciously pleased to make in Council. The due obedience to and support of your Gracious Majesties Person and Government, is therefore what becomes all of us, to express to the whole World and to assure your Majesty that from the Principles of our Religion with our Duty and thankfulness to your Majesty, we do heartily, zealously, and humbly lay at your Feet our Lives and Fortunes, as a tribute of gratitude and Duty we owe to so renowned and so very Gracious a Monarch.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of your Majesties most Loyal and Faithful Subjects, the Governour, Lieutenant Governour, Justices of Peace, Officers in Pay, Officers of the *Militia*, Mayors, Aldermen and Burgesses of the several Corporations, Clergy, and other your Majesties Loyal Subjects of the Isle of *Wight*.

Most Dread Soveraign,

AS we most heartily Condole the loss of our late most Gracious Soveraign, your Majesties most dearly beloved Brother, (of ever blessed memory) so we do most heartily Rejoice that the Imperial Crown of these Realms (your Majesties most undoubted Right) is peaceably settled on your most Sacred Majesty. And we do most humbly prostrate at your Royal Feet all our Lives and Fortunes for the maintenance and defence of your Majesties Royal Person and Government, which we most humbly pray may be long and prosperous over us.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses of your Majesties ancient Corporation of Harwich *in the County of* Essex.

Humbly Sheweth,

THat we your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects being highly sensible of your Majesties Grace and Favor, and our bounden Duty, do cast our selves at Your Majesties Feet, Imploring Your acceptance of this, (though mean yet hearty Address) wherein, with all expressions of unspeakable Joy, we do declare our humble Thankfulness to Almighty God for the peaceable Succession of your Majesty to the Crown of Your Ancestors, whose undoubted Right it is; And that we do declare that we never had any thoughts to obstruct it, but in all due Obedience to observe your Majesties Commands; And to that end do offer unto your Majesty our Lives and Fortunes, with hearty Prayers for your Majesties long Life and prosperous Reign over us. Given under our Hands and Seal of this Borough the One and twentieth day of February Anno Dom, 1684.

There have been likewise Presented to His Majesty very Loyal Addresses, From the Mayor, Aldermen, and the rest of the Corporation of the County and City of *Canterbury*, with the Neighbouring Gentry, the Vice Dean and Prebendaries of *Christ Church* and others of the adjacent Clergy. From the Grand Jury for the County of *Middlesex*, at the Sessions of the Peace holden at *Hickes-Hall* the 23d of *February*. From the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens and Commonalty of the City of *Norwich* in Common-Council Assembled. From the Mayor, High Steward, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *Hereford*. From the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Common-Council, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Borough of *Darby*. From the Mayor, Aldermen, Baylifs, Capital Burgesses, and other the Gentry and Inhabitants of the Borough of *Preston in Lancashire*. From the Baylifs, Burgesses, and the Commonalty of the Borough of *Tewkesbury* in *Gloucestershire*. From the Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty of the Town and Port of *Hasting* in the County of *Sussex*. From the Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Commonalty of the New Corporation of Shipwrights; which His Majesty Received very Graciously.

Whitehall, March 4. The Right Honourable the Earl of *Bath* hath Presented to His Majesty very Loyal Addresses, From the Mayor, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen, Common-Council and Inhabitants of the Town of *Launceston*. From the Mayor, Recorder, and Capital Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Duchy Town of *Lostwithyel*. From the Mayor, Free Burgesses and Inhabitants of *Saltash*. From the Inhabitants of the Borough of St. *Ives*. From the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Inhabitants of the Town of *Penzance*; all within the County of *Cornwall*. And from the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, Recorder, and other the Inhabitants of the Town of *Bideford* in *Devon*; Which His Majesty received very Graciously.

Hitchin in *Hertfordshire, February* 17. His Majesty was Proclaimed here this day by the High Sheriff, several Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and a great number of Gentlemen and Freeholders: The Trained Bands assisting in the general rejoycing: The Solemnity was performed with Ringing of Bells, great Acclamations, and all Demonstrations of Loyalty.

Baldocke in *Hertfordshire, February* 26. This day His Majesty was Proclaimed here by a great number of Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and Gentlemen of Quality, with a great Body of Freeholders; The whole Town meeting them on Horseback, and the Trained Bands Firing at their entrance into the Town. After reading the Proclamations, were repeated Acclamations, Ringing of Bells, Bonfires, and all imaginable expressions of Joy.

Haslemere, February 28. This Day the Freeholders of this Borough, met and Subscribed the following Declaration.

WE whose Names are Subscribed, being Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Antient Borough of Haslemere *in the County of* Surrey, *do Declare that we will not Elect, nor give any of our Voices for the Electing of any Person or Persons whatsoever, to be a Burgess or Burgesses for this Borough in the next ensuing Parliament, who were Members of Parliament for this or any other Borough, City or County in* England *or* Wales, *in the Two last Parliaments held at* Westminster, *or in that held at* Oxford, *or in any of them, and did give his or their Vote or Votes for the Bill for the Excluding our present Soveraign Lord the King, (then Duke of* York) *from Succeeding His Brother our late Dread Soveraign, King* Charles *the Second, in the Imperial Crown of this Kingdom: Nor for any Person or Persons who was, or were a Member or Members of*

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